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SUBJECT: VISITOR OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER

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1. INDO-US RELATIONS REMAINS TROUBLED AND THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE FROM THE SITUATION WHICH EXISTED WHEN DR. FLETCHER PREVIOUSLY HAD CONSIDERED VISITING INDIA. THE EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO KEEP ITS PROFILE DOWN. ON THE OTHER HAND, JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE AND US OFFICIALS WITH TECHNICAL INTERESTS IN INDIA HAVE VISITED HERE AND HAD PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE GOI. ALL OF THIS HAD BEEN DONE WITH NO PROTOCOL ACTIVITY AND LITTLE FANFARE.

2. IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT BY DR. FLETCHER, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND A VISIT OF ANY PARTICULAR VISIBILITY OR FORMALITY. HE WOULD NOT WISH, HOWEVER, TO STAND IN THE WAY OF A VISIT ORIENTED TOWARD TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE SITE EXPERIMENT WHICH WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS HAVING AN IMPORTANCE WHICH GOES FAR BEYOND THE INDIAN EXPERIENCE. WE WOULD HAVE NO PREFERENCE FOR DATES; THE CLIMATE WOULD BE BETTER FOR FIELD VISITS IN MARCH.
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